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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTRUCTURE THE FEDERAL FUEL TAX SYSTEM
SO THAT ARIZONA RECEIVES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO WHAT IT PAYS IN FUEL TAXES.

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1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, under the antiquated federal fuel tax system, Congress divides
4 the revenues from the tax and redistributes the monies to the various states,
5 with some states receiving more than they pay in fuel taxes and some,
6 including Arizona, receiving much less; and

7 Whereas, the current program pits "donee" states against "donor"
8 states, whereby the donor states, such as Arizona, essentially subsidize the
9 road needs of the more affluent states; and

10 Whereas, adding insult to injury is the fact that less than two-thirds
11 of the monies collected goes to transportation-related projects but are
12 instead earmarked by Congress for projects that benefit only local
13 constituencies; and

14 Whereas, under the current system, the federal government is able to
15 force unwanted regulations and mandates on states by threatening to withhold
16 transportation monies unless states comply; and

17 Whereas, this year, the federal highway program faces reauthorization,
18 offering Congress a timely opportunity to restructure the current failed
19 system to allow equitable distribution so that states such as Arizona receive
20 from the fuel tax system an amount equal to what they put in.

21 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
22 Representatives concurring, prays:

23 1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to modify or
24 restructure the current failed federal fuel tax system to ensure that donor
25 states such as Arizona receive an amount of federal monies that is equal to
26 what they pay in fuel taxes.

27 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
28 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
29 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
30 the State of Arizona.